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VIA: Chief, Liaison Division, OLL

FROM:   
Chief, Senate Liaison

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SUBJECT Senate Initiative re Arafat Warrant

REFERENCE: OLL Memo dated 2 January 1986; Same Subject  
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Attached for your information is the "Dear Colleague"  
letter mentioned in paragraph 1 of reference.

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 19, 1985

Dear Colleague:

Recent press reports indicate that the Justice Department possesses information linking PLO leader Yasser Arafat to the brutal slaying of U.S. Ambassador Cleo Noel, U.S. Charge d'Affaires George Moore, and Belgian diplomat Guy Eid. It is reported that the Justice Department has this evidence under review, but has made no decisions on its course of action.

If these accounts are accurate and these allegations are substantiated, the Justice Department should lose no time in issuing a warrant for Arafat's arrest, and filing a criminal indictment against him. Our nation's policy on terrorism, as stated by President Reagan in a July 1985 speech to the American Bar Association, is to "act against the criminal menace of terrorism with the full weight of the law, both domestic and international... to indict, apprehend and prosecute those who commit the kind of atrocities the world has witnessed in recent weeks." I believe that if the allegations in the press are true, we should lose no time in acting in accordance with our stated policy on terrorism by bringing Yasser Arafat to account for his crimes.

I urge you to sign the attached letter to the Attorney General, requesting that he assign the highest priority to completing his review of this evidence, and to issue an indictment if the evidence so warrants. If you would like to sign, please contact Diana Rubin of my staff at 4-6822.

Sincerely,

